

Licensed Practical Nurse

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Admission Requirements

Progression: A minimum grade of 80 is required in each course. Satisfactory clinical and lab performance is required for progression. Satisfactory demonstration of a pattern of responsible behavior is necessary for progression as outlined in the Practical Nursing Student Handbook. All program policies regarding attendance, curriculum requirements and behavior must be met for progression.

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Must have an ACT composite score of 16 (12 if taken before October 1989) with a subscore of 12 in Math and Reading;

Or

Score a 71 or higher on the ACCUPLACER Reading Section and a 61 or above on the Arithmetic Section;

Or

Complete the following courses within the last five years earning a grade of "C" or above: Human Growth and Development (EPY 2533), Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 2513/2511, 2523/2521), and Nutrition (BIO 1613 or HEC 1253);

Or

Provide evidence of the equivalent to the requirements above, subject to the approval of the Registrar of the local community/junior college;

And

Have a cumulative grade point average (cGPA) of 2.00 ("C" average) on all previous college coursework;

And

Attend a PN information session and take a standardized admission assessment test. Students will receive notice from the Registrar's Office about scheduling their Information Session and admission assessment test.

Mississippi Law requires health care professionals or Workforce Education students enrolled in programs whose primary purpose is to prepare professionals to render patient care services to submit to a criminal background check and fingerprinting prior to beginning any clinical rotation in a licensed health care entity. If such fingerprinting or criminal background check of the student disclose a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (g), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult which has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the student shall not be eligible to be admitted to such health program of study, nor will he/she be eligible to participate in clinical training in a licensed entity. In addition, clinical affiliates have identified "other exclusions" or other criminal offenses that will preclude a student from participating in the clinical practicum. The student's eligibility to participate in the clinical training phase of their health care program shall be voided if the student receives a disqualifying criminal record check; therefore, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program.

If a student currently enrolled in the Nursing Program is prohibited from participating in clinical experiences by any clinical affiliate of Meridian Community College (e.g., positive drug screen, gregarious behavior, violation of patient safety, non-compliance with the College's "Student Behavior Code," etc.) then the student will be dismissed from the program of study. The student is not eligible for program readmission unless the clinical restriction is removed.

The PN Admissions Committee will select each semester's class from the pool of applicants who meet minimum admission requirements. Any application with incomplete records will not be considered for admission. The admission process is competitive, and completion of minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Priority consideration for admission will be given as follows: 1) In-district students who have taken coursework at MCC; 2) Out-of-district students who have taken coursework at MCC; 3) Mississippi residents with no MCC coursework; 4) Out-of-state students. Check with the Health Education Advisor for selection details and deadlines.

After program admission and prior to enrollment, students must receive CPR certification and a Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test. Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR. Drug screening will be scheduled after enrollment.

All students admitted into the program will be required to pay for fingerprinting and a background check, which will be performed after admission and prior to clinical laboratories. These fees will be attached as registration fees. There are certain convictions that will prevent an individual being eligible to participate in clinical experiences. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences, he/she will be dismissed from the program. For additional information, please contact the Health Education Advisor.

Deadlines for submitting application information are October 1st for spring admission and March 1st for fall admission. The application information due by October 1st or March 1st includes submission of all official transcripts, national ACT score, ACCUPLACER score and MCC admission application for the semester admission is being sought.

Students in the traditional Practical Nursing Program must attend MCC full-time (12 or more semester credit hours).

Course of Study

FULL TIME

FALL ADMISSION

First Semester

PNV 1213	Body Structure and Function	3
PNV 1443	Nursing Fundamentals and Clinical	13
PNV 1911	Practical Nursing Seminar I	1
	Semester Hours	17

Second Semester

PNV 1666	Medical Surgical Nursing Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1676	Alterations in Adult Health Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1524	IV Therapy and Pharmacology	4
PNV 1921	Practical Nursing Seminar II	1
	Semester Hours	17

Third Semester

PNV 1715	Maternal-Child Nursing	5
PNV 1813	Mental Health Nursing	3
PNV 1914	Nursing Transition	4
	Semester Hours	12
	Total Semester Hours	46

SPRING ADMISSION

First Semester

PNV 1213	Body Structure and Function	3
PNV 1443	Nursing Fundamentals and Clinical	13
PNV 1911	Practical Nursing Seminar I	1
	Semester Hours	17

Second Semester

PNV 1524	IV Therapy and Pharmacology	4
PNV 1715	Maternal Child Nursing	5
PNV 1813	Mental Health Nursing	3
	Semester Hours	12

Third Semester

PNV 1666	Medical Surgical Nursing Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1676	Alterations in Adult Health Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1914	Nursing Transition	4
PNV 1921	Practical Nursing Seminar II	1
	Semester Hours	17
	Total Semester Hours	46

Course of Study

Part-time

PART TIME

First Semester

PNV 1213	Body Structure and Function	3
PNV 1426	Nursing Fundamentals	6
	Semester Hours	9

Second Semester

PNV 1437	Nursing Fundamentals Lab and Clinical	7
PNV 1911	Practical Nursing Seminar I	1
	Semester Hours	8

Third Semester

PNV 1715	Maternal-Child Nursing	5
PNV 1813	Mental Health Nursing	3
	Semester Hours	8

Fourth Semester

PNV 1524	IV Therapy and Pharmacology	4
PNV 1666	Medical Surgical Nursing Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1921	Practical Nursing Seminar II	1
	Semester Hours	11

Fifth Semester

PNV 1676	Alterations in Adult Health Concepts and Clinical	6
PNV 1914	Nursing Transition	4
	Semester Hours	10
	Total Semester Hours	46

Program Outcomes: PN
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NCEX-PN® 1st time testers	Completion Rate in 150% of Allotted Time	Placement Rate (Number Respondents Reporting Working 1 year Post Graduation in Position Requiring PN License)
2017 MCC: 78% (n=59/76) National Average: 83.84%	2016-2017: 85%	August 2016 graduates: 100% December 2016 graduates: 91%
2016 MCC: 77% (n=141/188) National Average: 83.73%	2015-2016: 64%	May 2015 graduates: 87% August 2015 graduates: 87% December 2016 graduates: 96%
2015 MCC: 83% (n=54/65) National Average: 82%	2014-2015: 84%	August 2014 graduates: 91% December 2014 graduates: 95%